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In response to the Office Action dated May 28, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Cancel Claims 15, 18, 20-21 and ~~23-24~~

REMARKS

Claims 1, 6, 12, 15 and 25-27 are present in the application.

The Examiner rejects for statutory double patenting application Claim 1 based on Claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 6,011,988. In application Claim 1, the pertinent language reads (with added reference numerals) "the straightening element 14 being connected to the casing 11 at the outlet of the casing 11" and "the aperture 25 being located between the outlet of the casing 11 and the guidewire exit point 22 of the straightening element 14." In patent Claim 1, the

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